

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, § SA:15-CR-00391(1,2)-OLG  
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v. § February 9, 2016  
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(1) HASSAN SALEM AL-HOMOUD §  
(2) ZAINAB MOHAMED HASAN HATIM §  
AL-HOSANI §  
§  
DEFENDANT(s). §

TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ORLANDO L. GARCIA  
CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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2                   THE COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.

3                   THE COURT: Okay. Good morning. You may be  
4 seated. Jessica, let me talk to you.

5                   (Pause)

6                   THE COURT: Okay. Good morning. We will now  
7 proceed to -- okay. Mr. Goldstein, tell me the correct  
8 pronunciation of your client's name.

9                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Hassan Al-Homoud.

10                  THE COURT: Al-Homoud.

11                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Al-Homoud, Your Honor.

12                  THE COURT: Let me call his case, Mr. Al-Homoud.  
13 So is it correct then to say Mr. Al-Homoud? Or what is the  
14 correct name?

15                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Al-Homoud. He's a colonel in  
16 the--.

17                  THE COURT: I don't care about the colonel.

18                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: I understand.

19                  THE COURT: Let's just stick to what's really  
20 relevant. Mr. Al-Homoud. Okay. If you'll get him to the  
21 podium.

22                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: We are ready to proceed, Your  
23 Honor.

24                  THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, Mr. Al-Homoud.

25                  DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: Good morning.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Al-Homoud.

2 DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Okay. If at any time I say something,  
4 Mr. Al-Homoud, that you do not understand or wish for me to  
5 go over or clarify or if you need some time to visit with  
6 your lawyer, please let me know. Do we understand that?

7 DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Good. Have you had an  
9 opportunity to review the presentence report that was  
10 prepared in your case? This is a document that I now hold in  
11 my left hand that gives me information about the offense, the  
12 details of the offense, and then personal background  
13 information such as your educational background, your  
14 employment history, what kind of work you've done, your  
15 physical and mental health condition, any prior criminal  
16 history, if you have any, and information of that kind and  
17 character. And then it gives me a range of punishment I may  
18 assess. Have you reviewed that document, which is the  
19 presentence investigation report with your lawyer?

20 DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: Yes, I did.

21 THE COURT: And you understand the contents of the  
22 document. Is that correct?

23 DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any questions about  
25 the document?

1 DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: No, sir.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Goldstein, any objections?

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No, Your Honor. We have filed--

4 THE COURT: There being no objections, the  
5 applicable guidelines then are offense level 13, category  
6 one, a range of punishment of 12 to 18 months. Supervised  
7 release, one to three years or probation, five years, which  
8 will be supervised. If he's back in the country, it will be  
9 supervised. If he's not, then we don't need to worry about  
10 it, do we?

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's correct, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. We should, to the very extent  
13 possible, always be practical and logical, unless the law  
14 directs otherwise. There's nothing in the law in this  
15 particular case that precludes the imposition of logic or  
16 practical common sense. Is that a fair statement?

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's a fair statement, Your  
18 Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. And it's also correct.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It is.

21 THE COURT: Okay. A fine range of 3,000 to  
22 \$30,000. Restitution of \$120,000, and a 100-dollar fine.  
23 And in this matter, the government and the defense have  
24 conferred -- hold on a moment. Okay. Mr. Goldstein, will  
25 you tell me the contents of the 11(c)(1)(C) agreement?

1                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor. My understanding  
2 is that pursuant to the 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement, our  
3 clients or my client has agreed to plead to Count One of the  
4 superseding information. You are correct with respect that  
5 it's a visa fraud offense carrying a maximum of ten years,  
6 \$250,000 fine.

7                   THE COURT: Let's do it this way.

8                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

9                   THE COURT: The proposal is five years probation.  
10 Is that correct?

11                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor, five years  
12 unsupervised probation.

13                  THE COURT: It's going to be supervised. Okay.  
14 And what is -- what was the proposed fine?

15                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: There was no proposed fine. Only a  
16 restitution, Your Honor.

17                  THE COURT: No, there was going to be a fine.

18                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: But there's nothing proposed in the  
19 11(c)(1)(C) agreement.

20                  THE COURT: Hum.

21                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: The Court had mentioned \$10,000.

22                  THE COURT: So then that's what it is, right?

23                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: If that's what the Court says,  
24 that's what it is, Your Honor.

25                  THE COURT: Okay. Five years supervised. And

1 restitution of how much?

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: \$60,000 per victim for a total of  
3 \$120,000, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Now it's my understanding that  
5 the \$120,000, has that now been conveyed to the -- or  
6 transferred, conveyed, to the two victims in this matter?

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, there is pleadings in  
8 that regard. I can show the Court where we have provided and  
9 deposited with the registry of the court.

10 THE COURT: So the answer to my question is, yes,  
11 it's been conveyed.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It is conveyed to the registry of  
13 the court.

14 THE COURT: It's been conveyed to the District  
15 Clerk's Office?

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: That will then be conveyed to the two  
18 victims?

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is my understanding, Your  
20 Honor.

21 THE COURT: Is this right, from the government?

22 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: It's \$120,000. And does the Clerk's  
24 Office have the name and address and other necessary  
25 information to transmit the money?

1 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor. We have--.

2 THE COURT: Have the two victims, do they still  
3 reside in the United States or have they now departed?

4 MS. RICHARDSON: They are still in the United  
5 States.

6 THE COURT: And what -- how is this money going to  
7 be conveyed to them?

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Through their lawyers.

9 THE COURT: In Houston?

10 MS. RICHARDSON: One in Houston and one here in San  
11 Antonio.

12 THE COURT: And as I understand, neither of those  
13 private lawyers received any money for their work. Is that  
14 correct?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct.

16 THE COURT: So that in fact the two victims  
17 individually will get \$60,000.

18 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: And they have submitted documents  
20 approving of the ultimate resolution in this matter. Is that  
21 correct?

22 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct. I also have  
23 victim-impact statements that both of them had asked that I  
24 read into the record.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Let me see those first. I'll

1 permit you to read them, but I would like to get  
2 appropriately informed.

3 (Pause)

4 THE COURT: Have these copies been made available  
5 to defense counsel?

6 MS. RICHARDSON: No, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Mr. Goldstein, as part of  
8 the plea agreement, your two clients or the two -- pardon me,  
9 defendants, are going to be removed from the country. Is  
10 that correct?

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is correct, Your Honor. They  
12 will voluntarily remove themselves pursuant to the agreement.

13 THE COURT: Okay. I understand. And when are they  
14 leaving?

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: They have tickets to depart  
16 tomorrow afternoon, San Antonio to Dallas.

17 THE COURT: I don't need details. I just need to  
18 know when will they leave.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Tomorrow, February 10th.

20 THE COURT: I just need to know they are leaving  
21 the country.

22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor. We have provided  
23 copies of the tickets to the probation office. And just so  
24 the Court will know, Mr. Donald Flanary and Mr. Derek Hillel  
25 are going to accompany them to the airport.

1                   THE COURT: I understand. I don't need to know all  
2 these details. The bottom line is what I need to know is  
3 that they are leaving the country.

4                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Tomorrow.

5                   THE COURT: I don't know care whether they go up  
6 281 or 10 or they take the long way down San Pedro to the  
7 airport. I don't care about those details. I'm interested  
8 in what I'm interested in. Okay.

9                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. They have made plans, and  
10 those plans have been -- the government has been advised of  
11 those plans. And that actually, the Court was copied with  
12 each of these documents, Your Honor.

13                  THE COURT: And the government has told me on more  
14 than one occasion that the two victims in this case did not  
15 choose or did not want to participate and did not want to  
16 participate in the trial. Is that correct?

17                  MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

18                  THE COURT: And you are satisfied in your mind that  
19 that was true then and remains true now?

20                  MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor.

21                  THE COURT: And do you believe it would have been a  
22 difficult burden for the government to have prevailed  
23 without -- by prevail I mean obtain a guilty verdict from the  
24 jury, without the testimony of the two victims?

25                  MS. RICHARDSON: It would have been difficult and

1 more importantly it would have re-traumatized those victims,  
2 even if they did not have to testify.

3 THE COURT: Even if what?

4 MS. RICHARDSON: Even if they were not required to  
5 testify, an ongoing trial that would have prolonged them  
6 receiving restitution, would have re-traumatized them.

7 THE COURT: Okay. And one of them, if I recall  
8 correctly, is presently suffering or has cancer.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: And is she receiving the appropriate  
11 medical care?

12 MS. RICHARDSON: She is, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Somewhere in Houston?

14 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, sir. MD Anderson.

15 THE COURT: MD Anderson.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct.

17 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Goldstein, so the deal  
18 is five years supervised probation, a \$10,000 fine, which  
19 would be paid or has that been paid already?

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It has not, Your Honor, but it will  
21 be.

22 THE COURT: It will be.

23 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: 60,000-dollar restitution, which has  
25 been given to the District Clerk's Office.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: And are there any special conditions?

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Only with respect to their  
4 voluntarily removal.

5 THE COURT: Good. And where are they going to?

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Qatar, Your Honor. Delhi to Qatar.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Fine. And is your client still  
8 in the military?

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He is, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Does he still provide services to the  
11 United States?

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Will he continue to provide those  
14 services to the United States?

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's my understanding, yes, Your  
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: Would the country be in a security risk  
18 if he were not providing those services to the country?

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I believe so, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Well, you really don't know?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm not an expert, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: So, therefore, you really don't know.  
23 It's okay to say -- I say that from time to time.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I understand, Your Honor, and I'm  
25 happy if it please the Court that I will say that I am not

1 knowledgeable about military affairs.

2 THE COURT: The world will not come to an end if he  
3 no longer assists the government, will it?

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It will not, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Good. Okay. Then that's the  
6 applicable guideline. At this point we will have any  
7 allocution. We'll have your separate allocution, and then  
8 you may read either the entire statement or the relevant  
9 portions, whichever you choose to read into the record. And  
10 okay. This -- so you can commence by reading the statement,  
11 and then give me your allocution or give me your allocution  
12 and then read the statement. And just read the statement  
13 relevant to -- well, to both of them, actually both. Go  
14 ahead.

15 MS. RICHARDSON: Your Honor, the government's  
16 position is that we still stand behind--.

17 THE COURT: I tell you what, why don't y'all sit  
18 down, and you speak at the podium.

19 MS. RICHARDSON: The government still stands behind  
20 the 11(c)(1)(C) that has been presented to the Court, first  
21 and foremost because it is the disposition that is in the  
22 best interest of the victims in this case. In addition to  
23 the \$60,000 for each victim that has been deposited into the  
24 Clerk's registry, if the Court will recall, both victims have  
25 also received confidential settlements under a civil

1 agreement. So both of them had already received cash  
2 disbursements from the defendant.

3 THE COURT: In addition to the \$120,000 in the  
4 District Clerk's Office?

5 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: And that's a confidential agreement?

7 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And that but for the Court's personal  
9 intervention, that would never have occurred?

10 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Go ahead.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: And both of these victims, while  
13 they were extremely traumatized and suffered harm, felt  
14 compelled to compel us, the government of the United States,  
15 to not put them through a public trial and to hold them here  
16 in the United States longer than they wanted to be.

17 THE COURT: Now, the victims understood that the  
18 government was prepared and wanted to proceed and that a  
19 court and a judge was available to hear the case. Is that  
20 correct?

21 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct. That's correct.

22 THE COURT: But at their insistence, if I'm  
23 correct, they did not want to proceed?

24 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

1 MS. RICHARDSON: And if you can imagine the trauma  
2 that it would cause for someone who is not comfortable  
3 speaking in public and is not comfortable speaking to men to  
4 be brought into a courtroom to have to address a courtroom of  
5 people in public who are both men and women. It would be  
6 very traumatic.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: But they did want their story  
9 told, and so I am prepared to do that.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You may proceed to read the  
11 statement into the record. If you'll -- you can just give  
12 initials of the victims.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: I will.

14 THE COURT: Go ahead.

15 MS. RICHARDSON: My name is represented by the  
16 initials RR, and I have a date of birth and this is my story  
17 because I was enslaved in the United States. I was born in  
18 Chara Onnke Daka, Bangladesh.

19 THE COURT: Okay. And you need not say the date of  
20 birth.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: I am not. I am a citizen only of  
22 Bangladesh. I was married, but my husband died of liver  
23 cancer in March of 2013 and this left me alone with two  
24 children. My firstborn was born in 2006, and my second in  
25 2011. During the time that my husband was fighting for his

1 life, I borrowed money from my father to pay for his medical  
2 treatment. After battling cancer for five years, my husband  
3 died. Sadly, four days after my husband died, my in-laws  
4 kicked me and my children out of their home. My children and  
5 I returned to the village of my father, mother, brother, and  
6 sisters. My father was a farmer, and I worked for him. I  
7 worked with him and did not get paid. I did not get paid  
8 because we were living with them, and I had borrowed money  
9 for my husband's medical treatment. We lived in a house that  
10 had two rooms and a pump for water. We only had an outhouse  
11 for our toilet. We had two beds. My children and I slept on  
12 one in the first bedroom. My brother and parents slept on  
13 the floor in the second. My sister slept on the second bed.

14 During the time I was living with my family, there  
15 were times we had enough to eat and others when we did not.  
16 We were very poor as my father was the only breadwinner. My  
17 family continues to live in poverty. If I were to return to  
18 Bangladesh, I would return to the same life, working for my  
19 father without pay or seeking employment outside of our  
20 village. Unfortunately, I did not have any money to buy the  
21 necessary school supplies for my children. My children and I  
22 hung on to meager meals and daily players for a better life.

23 In 2014 I thought I had welcome relief. I spoke  
24 with a person known as Nazir who was an agent in our village.  
25 He told me about a job opportunity in Qatar working as a

1 housekeeper. I signed a contract with an agency. The  
2 contracts were essentially for housekeeping and  
3 housecleaning. The agreement was for me to be paid 800  
4 Qatari rial per month in cash. For this reason, and this  
5 reason alone, I left my parents, my siblings, and my children  
6 in Bangladesh and traveled to Qatar in May of 2014. My  
7 children remained in Bangladesh, and I have not seen them  
8 since. Once I arrived in Qatar, I went to an office. Got my  
9 medical appointment, and then Zainab Al-Hosani picked me up  
10 and took me to her house. My passport was taken away and was  
11 given to my employers.

12 I lived in Qatar from May 2014 until June 23rd,  
13 2014 with my employers, Al-Homoud and Al-Hosani. During this  
14 time I had a bedroom and a bathroom and I ate on a regular  
15 basis. I was only allowed to use the phone once. After this  
16 one call, I was never allowed to call and speak to my  
17 children or my family again. It was--.

18 THE COURT: You mean again ever?

19 MS. RICHARDSON: That's my understanding.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: It was during this time that my  
22 employer took me and my co-worker Rubi to get fingerprints.  
23 We thought it was a requirement to work in Qatar and not part  
24 of the process to come to the United States. I also do not  
25 remember signing a domestic employment contract that was in

1 English, and it was filed in support of my visa to come to  
2 the United States. I also did not meet anyone from the U.S.  
3 Embassy in Qatar. I do remember my employer asking me in  
4 Arabic to sign my name on a piece of paper. I did not know  
5 enough Arabic to ask for what it was for, so I signed my  
6 name.

7 On June 23rd, 2014 my employer took us directly to  
8 the airport from their home in Qatar. The only luggage I  
9 brought with me to the U.S. were the clothes that Zainab  
10 prepared for me. She told me to put the clothes in a bag,  
11 and that my employer put those in her suitcase. Some of my  
12 personal items still remain in Qatar.

13 I arrived in the United States on or about  
14 June 24th, 2014. My travel to the U.S. came as a shock to me  
15 as I did not know I was leaving Qatar until we arrived in the  
16 United States. I knew I had arrived in the U.S. when I saw a  
17 sign that said America. I did not even know I had a visa to  
18 come to the United States. My employers held my passport  
19 during my travel since I speak very little, limited Arabic.  
20 I spoke no English. I was unable to tell anybody that I had  
21 been forced. When we arrived at the airport, my employer's  
22 son arrived in two separate cars and brought me and my  
23 co-worker Rubi and my employer's family from the airport to  
24 their house in San Antonio.

25 That night I was driven by my employer's eldest son

1 to his apartment. His name is Hamid. I was taken inside the  
2 apartment. There were two bedrooms with two mattresses in  
3 the room where Rubi and I slept. My employers brought some  
4 food for us. We were not given a key to the apartment. We  
5 were locked in from the outside. I never tried to open the  
6 door because my employers told me that there are bad people  
7 in the United States and this made us scared. I had no  
8 contact--.

9 THE COURT: Now who said this?

10 MS. RICHARDSON: The defendants told the victims  
11 that people in the United States are bad.

12 THE COURT: Uh-hum. Go ahead.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: I never had contact with my  
14 neighbor. My employers would unlock the front the door, pick  
15 us up and drop us off and relock the door. My work hours  
16 varied. My duties for my employers were as a housekeeper. I  
17 would clean the kitchen, bathroom, iron clothes, wash their  
18 cars, vacuum, sweep, mop, and make beds, and take out the  
19 trash. I did not cook because they considered me unclean. I  
20 did not have a day off nor was I allowed to take breaks. If  
21 I didn't finish everything on time, my employers and her  
22 family would get mad. They made fun of me and called me  
23 names. They would mock me by saying that I did not speak  
24 their language, and that why did I come if I did not do the  
25 job. Their mockery coupled with the way they did not let me

1 out of their sight made me feel small and helpless. I felt  
2 trapped and sad.

3 During the time that my employers held me captive I  
4 was fed old, stale bread, tea, sugar, and some boiled  
5 chickpeas. However, I did not have a regular mealtime as my  
6 employers did not give me food until nighttime before I would  
7 leave their house. This meant I had to wait to be given food  
8 until I left. The reason for not being given food before I  
9 left was that my employers could make sure that I did not  
10 have extra food. The other reason was because I would leave  
11 their house -- was because I was not allowed to use their  
12 bathroom. They treated me as if I was unclean. Since the  
13 return to my apartment could take hours, I had to withstand  
14 hunger and hold my bodily functions until I returned to my  
15 apartment, and they kept Rubi and I locked up.

16 My employers paid the apartment that I stayed in,  
17 and they had air conditioning in the summer, but no  
18 heating -- they had air conditioning in the summer, but no  
19 heating in the winter. On one occasion I was given medicine  
20 for pain. The pain I had was a headache and nausea. It took  
21 me two days. Rubi was my co-worker. She was sick and  
22 screamed out in pain every night. Her stomach would get  
23 bloated. I recently found out she had cancer. Although my  
24 employers never hit me, I did see them hit Rubi. Rubi saw  
25 food in the trash and tried to eat it. My employer saw this

1 and hit Rubi twice on her hand and twice on her right upper  
2 arm with a metal broomstick.

3 Rubi escaped on April the 9th, 2015, which was a  
4 Thursday. It was this day that the police came to my  
5 apartment. A few days later, I went to live at a shelter and  
6 was able to get my passport from my employers. I am now  
7 making a fresh start for myself, and I hope to see my  
8 children very soon.

9 THE COURT: That's the statement of one person?

10 MS. RICHARDSON: That is. Her initials are RR.

11 THE COURT: Okay. And if you'll read the next  
12 statement, please.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: This is -- her initials in the  
14 indictment, Your Honor, are represented by R -- this is  
15 Rubi's statement.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. RICHARDSON: I was born on the island of  
18 Lomakeskus, Indonesia. I have lived there most of my life.  
19 I was only able to go to school until I was about 13 or 14.  
20 I was then married and began working in a rice paddy. My  
21 husband and I had four children, two daughters and two sons.  
22 My oldest child lives and works in Malaysia, and my other  
23 three live in Lombok. My husband died when I was pregnant  
24 with my youngest child. This was very hard on me and my  
25 children. After losing my husband and his income, I had

1 limited resources and decided to apply for a position working  
2 overseas with a family, so that I could earn enough to  
3 support my children. This is why I applied for an Indonesian  
4 passport and accepted work from the Al-Homoud family in  
5 Qatar. When I arrived in Qatar in 2014, my employers forced  
6 me to cut my hair. They took my cell phone and all my  
7 clothes. I worked in Qatar for a short time. And then the  
8 Al-Homoud family brought me to the United States.

9           When I made the decision to leave Indonesia to work  
10 in Qatar, I did not know that I would be forced to move  
11 thousands of miles further away from my family.

12 Mr. Al-Homoud and Ms. Al-Hosani treated me very badly. I was  
13 never paid for my work. I worked seven days a week and was  
14 only given one small meal a day, usually consisting of bread.  
15 I lost a lot of weight during that time. I was not allowed  
16 to use their restroom. I would have to wait to use the  
17 restroom until the end of the workday when they took me back  
18 to the apartment I shared with another woman who they also  
19 mistreated.

20           Our apartment was almost empty and had no  
21 furniture. We only had two blankets and a pillow, and we  
22 slept on the floor every night except for the one night we  
23 were forced to sleep in a plastic box in the garage at the  
24 Al-Homoud family home. When I made mistakes, they would get  
25 angry. Sometimes they hit me, and other times they pulled

1 the front of my veil, which made my head jerk up and hurt my  
2 neck. When I was sick, they refused to take me to the  
3 doctor. They knew how much pain I was in, but still made me  
4 work. One day they asked me to get a chair from the second  
5 floor of the house and bring it down to the first floor.  
6 This was hard for me. It caused great pain, and I began to  
7 cry. They saw me crying, but they would not help or let me  
8 rest. When I was working for the Al-Homoud family, I had no  
9 way to communicate with my family in Indonesia. They took my  
10 cell phone when I was arrived in Qatar, and even though I  
11 asked many times to let me call home, they only let me make  
12 one phone call the entire time I worked for them in the  
13 United States. I miss my children and my parents very much,  
14 and I was worried about them, especially since I didn't have  
15 money to send to them.

16 I was devastated that I could not talk to them more  
17 than one time. During that time, I found out that my father  
18 had been killed in a car accident. It made me so sad that  
19 they cut off my communication with my family during the time  
20 we were grieving his death. I really thought I would die if  
21 I stayed with Mr. Al-Homoud and Ms. Al-Hosani, so I decided I  
22 didn't have any choice but to run away and beg for money for  
23 food and medicine. I truly believe that if police officers  
24 had not found me, fed me, and brought me to the hospital in  
25 San Antonio where I was diagnosed with cancer, I would have

1 died. Because Mr. Al-Homoud and Ms. Al-Hosani did not pay me  
2 for my work, I was not able to send money home to care for my  
3 family. This was very hard for me and my children, and I  
4 felt very embarrassed. I had to rely on other people to take  
5 care of my children, and I have had to ask other people to  
6 send money. My employers caused me and my family so much  
7 pain since I left Lombok in 2014, pain that will be very hard  
8 to forget.

9                 Despite all of this, and as my lawyer told the  
10 Court in her October 22nd letter, I am in support of the plea  
11 agreement that the United States government entered into with  
12 Mr. Al-Homoud and Ms. Al-Hosani. I believe such a resolution  
13 is in my best interest because it will provide a faster and  
14 final result. This will allow me to return home to care for  
15 my family sooner and will result in me receiving criminal  
16 restitution funds that I will be able to use to support my  
17 mother, my children, and my grandchild.

18                 THE COURT: Okay. And how long did these two  
19 victims -- how long did they work for the defendants? What  
20 period of time?

21                 MS. RICHARDSON: They originally began working for  
22 them in the summer of 2014 in Qatar. They came to the United  
23 States where they worked for them until--

24                 THE COURT: Until she escaped on a Thursday  
25 afternoon.

1 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: And how long did they work?

3 MS. RICHARDSON: I believe it was about eight  
4 months.

5 THE COURT: And during that eight months, from what  
6 I gathered from this document, is that they were not  
7 afforded an -- other than -- well, not other than, but in  
8 addition to being mistreated severely, they were not  
9 permitted to make any phone call to their family. Is that  
10 correct?

11 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct.

12 THE COURT: So that their family could reasonably  
13 assume that since I'm not getting a phone call, this person  
14 must be dead?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Good. All right. Okay. Those  
17 are the statements. Now let me ask the government, do you  
18 wish, Ms. Richardson, do you wish to make a statement?

19 MS. RICHARDSON: Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Or allocution.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor. Obviously, the  
22 government's position is that this is a heinous offense. But  
23 we have never lost sight of the fact that it is about these  
24 two victims. And our goal from the very beginning has been  
25 to bring them to a place of being where they want to be and

1 be restored financially to the degree that they can be. And  
2 for that to be as quick as possible and cause as little of  
3 additional trauma as possible.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: And so we, for that reason we ask  
6 you to approve the 11(c)(1)(C) and sentence both defendants  
7 to probation and immediate removal from the United States to  
8 never return again.

9 THE COURT: Okay. And now let me ask the  
10 government, do the defendants, do they have adult family  
11 members in the country?

12 MS. RICHARDSON: They do. But it is my  
13 understanding they are also departing tomorrow.

14 THE COURT: Well, do they have -- how many  
15 relatives do they have in the country, adults?

16 MS. RICHARDSON: They have two adult sons.

17 THE COURT: Do they have any other family?

18 MS. RICHARDSON: They have a child, a daughter that  
19 is a minor.

20 THE COURT: Does she have servants?

21 MS. RICHARDSON: The child?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MS. RICHARDSON: Not here in the United States.

24 THE COURT: Hum. Okay. Good. Now, has the  
25 government -- and I think we discussed this previously. Has

1 the government undertaken steps to ensure that when these  
2 type of visa transactions occur, are there assurances that  
3 this type of criminal activity and/or barbaric behavior is  
4 not being committed?

5 MS. RICHARDSON: I was speaking to our agent,  
6 Special Agent Ed Acuna, from the Department of Homeland  
7 Security, and he's going to go back to his office today and  
8 make sure that that investigation is ongoing.

9 THE COURT: Okay. I want the government to  
10 understand, whether it's you or Homeland Security or  
11 whoever -- and I want a written report on my desk within 45  
12 days. I want to know what steps the government has taken,  
13 and I don't want this to be lost in some e-mail, hard drive,  
14 or otherwise, anywhere out there. I want a document, not an  
15 e-mail. I want a document, telling me, Judge Garcia, the  
16 government has undertaken these steps or the government will  
17 undertake these steps to prevent this type of barbaric  
18 behavior occurring. I want to know whether the government  
19 has uncovered other examples of these across the country. I  
20 have a feeling and belief, logic alone will tell you that it  
21 has occurred and is occurring. Is that a fair statement?

22 MS. RICHARDSON: That's a fair statement.

23 THE COURT: Well, then the government needs to get  
24 on the program and take immediate steps, and I want to know  
25 in 45 days. And if the Secretary of Homeland Security needs

1 to come to San Antonio, that will happen. If the Attorney  
2 General needs to come to San Antonio, that will happen. If  
3 we have to have a hearing here or we can get our -- no, no,  
4 several members of Congress involved in this deal, I want  
5 this open. I want it known. I want it resolved. Do we  
6 understand each other, Ms. Richardson?

7 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: So the understanding is that I'm going  
9 to have something on my desk in 45 days. The understanding  
10 is that if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney  
11 General need to come down here, they will. I'm not talking  
12 because deputies, assistants, chiefs to deputies, assistants  
13 to the assistants. I'm talking about the top brass.

14 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You understand that, right?

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: And you also understand that when this  
18 case initially started I tried every which way to persuade  
19 you to let's try this case. And I have been persuaded, based  
20 on the statements and based on your representations before,  
21 that the two victims did not want to do this. But I don't  
22 want this to end here. I want to know if there's other  
23 people in a similar or worse circumstances and what efforts  
24 the government is doing to clear this up. It doesn't seem  
25 like it would be that hard to fix this problem. And so do we

1 understand each other?

2 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor. I will have  
3 that for you.

4 THE COURT: Okay. If we don't have -- if I don't  
5 have something in 45 days, you and the agent and whoever else  
6 I can drag here will be brought here, okay.

7 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: And I don't care if -- the other day I  
9 was at some meeting and somebody told it's a federal holiday.  
10 I don't know where 45 days is from now, so the best thing to  
11 do is get it within 40 days.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So are you through  
14 with your allocution?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: I am, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Goldstein, do you want to  
17 take a stab at allocution?

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: May I have a moment, Your Honor?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 (Pause)

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, in taking a stab, if  
22 I'm--.

23 THE COURT: And your client will accompany you.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Please.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

1                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: First, as we indicated in our  
2 sentencing memorandum, which was very brief, we have no  
3 objections to the PSR, the calculations. We did provide, and  
4 what was the formation of this settlement, a detailed  
5 attorney proffer which included exhibits of law enforcement  
6 statements taken from these individuals at a time when they  
7 were no longer within the control of the defendants, at a  
8 time when the defendants weren't present in which they made  
9 statements very much contrary and contradictory of what you  
10 just heard. What I would ask the Court, if I may file under  
11 seal.

12                  THE COURT: No, nothing is going to be under seal.  
13 Why should it be under seal?

14                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Then I would like to file as  
15 Defendant's Exhibit 1, that attorney proffer, that each, both  
16 the Court and the probation office.

17                  THE COURT: You're telling me that the statements  
18 just read are untrue?

19                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm saying that there were numerous  
20 statements made to law enforcement, countless statements that  
21 are contradictory.

22                  THE COURT: Where is that exhibit?

23                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: If I may tender to the Court,  
24 Defendant's Exhibit 1, Your Honor.

25                  THE COURT: Is that here attached to the PSI?

1                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: No, Your Honor. However, the  
2 probation office does have a copy.

3                   THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

4                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: If I may tender this.

5                   THE COURT: Sure, why not. We have got all day.  
6 What time is the flight tomorrow?

7                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: It is at 2:00 o'clock, Your Honor.  
8 I have that -- I'm not asking the Court.

9                   THE COURT: You've got -- they say get to the  
10 airport an hour an hour-and-a-half before.

11                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Two hours.

12                  THE COURT: Whatever. So we have got from now  
13 until 11:00 o'clock the next morning, tomorrow morning.

14                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: I'm not asking -- we've been over  
15 this. I'm not here, and as I said in my memorandum, it  
16 doesn't make any difference with respect to the calculations.

17                  THE COURT: No, no, no. Forget about that. What  
18 it makes a difference to is to the truth of what occurred.

19                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have no idea what the truth is,  
20 Your Honor. I am only saying--.

21                  THE COURT: Your person is receiving probation.  
22 What difference does it make if I--.

23                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: It doesn't.

24                  THE COURT: Well, then okay. Fine. I'm  
25 interested, because I certainly don't want your client to

1 agree to anything.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He's not.

3 THE COURT: I'd admit that was pause. But it  
4 wasn't a period.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I apologize.

6 THE COURT: You don't need to apologize. Just go  
7 with the flow. I certainly don't want your client to agree  
8 to anything that is not true and correct. Now, there was  
9 some horrible statements made by this victim. Are all of  
10 those statements untrue?

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have no idea. But we're not even  
12 contesting that, Your Honor. I'm just pointing out to the  
13 Court that there are two sides to most stories.

14 THE COURT: Sure. Sure. And most defendants when  
15 they show up at SAPD or the FBI, they give contrary  
16 statements also, don't they?

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No question, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Good.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I'm not -- this does not matter  
20 with respect to either the guideline calculations or the Rule  
21 11(c)1(C).

22 THE COURT: I don't want to talk about the  
23 guidelines.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We're satisfied with the agreement,  
25 Your Honor. We're not asking for--.

1 THE COURT: Any allocution?

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: My client, pursuant to Rule  
5 11(c)(1)(C), has taken the following steps in accordance with  
6 that: He has purchased--.

7 THE COURT: I understand all those details. He has  
8 paid the money to the District Clerk's Office. He got an  
9 airline ticket. He is going to whatever foreign land he's  
10 going to go to. I understand all the details. I don't need  
11 to know the ticket number or the airline. Come on. Let's  
12 get real.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, and I agree with the Court.  
14 Let's get rid of it. Let me ask the Court, if all we are  
15 asking is that the Court assist us in fulfilling the  
16 obligation that we have under our plea agreement.

17 THE COURT: Which is what?

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: There's a stipulated voluntary  
19 removal stipulation. Would the Court order--.

20 THE COURT: Do you want me to sign that?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Yes, all those are details. Give me  
23 allocution. I don't want details. I'll gladly sign this.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: And I want to make sure, and you make

1 sure, the government makes sure that this person is never,  
2 ever to enter the United States. Ever. Ever.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I understand, Judge. May I ask --  
4 may I make one inquiry of the Court?

5 THE COURT: Sure.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: In order to ensure that he is able  
7 to leave with his family and his wife, I would like to ask  
8 the Court if we can be certain that we get a certified copy  
9 of that order.

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The lawyers are going to go with  
12 them to the airport. What we're concerned about is if they  
13 look on the computer when they get to Dallas.

14 THE COURT: Do you really believe -- the District  
15 Clerk's Office will get you a certified copy of the order.  
16 That's not a problem.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No. What I'm concerned about is if  
18 this doesn't get communicated to Homeland Security or in some  
19 fashion when they go the airport in Dallas to board the  
20 plane, what's going to happen is it's going show this case,  
21 and what we need to be certain is that we have some mechanism  
22 to ensure that they're able to depart because that's the  
23 Court's desire, that's the government's desire, and that's  
24 our desire.

25 THE COURT: Okay. And let me tell you something.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: What you're telling me is you're trying  
3 to make sure there's not a glitch. But, remember, you know  
4 how glitches are.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I know.

6 THE COURT: If there is a glitch, your client is to  
7 stay at the airport until the glitch is corrected, if it's  
8 corrected within a few hours. If it's not corrected, you're  
9 to come back here. He can sit in a jail facility and wait  
10 until such time as the glitch is corrected. All right.

11 That's fair.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, if the Court.

13 THE COURT: I'm going to sign it right now. And  
14 you-all hope that there is no glitch. You put your faith in  
15 the government.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I do put my faith in the government  
17 and the Court.

18 THE COURT: And I do too. Now go ahead. Give me  
19 some allocution. We'll get this to the right people.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's all I ask, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I take -- if the Court is signing  
23 that and the Court is going to make sure that the government  
24 understands to allow them to leave, I don't have anything.

25 THE COURT: I want them to leave.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I know it.

2 THE COURT: It's not a question of allowing them.

3 Okay. Go ahead. Anything else?

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Do you want me to -- I think the  
5 PSR adequately explains.

6 THE COURT: I understand all that. I'm asking do  
7 you have any allocution?

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: As long as the Court has signed  
9 that order and is going along with the 11(c)(1)(C), I have  
10 nothing else to add, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Well, I may amend the 11(c)(1)(C), but  
12 we'll go with the flow. Okay. Now does your client have any  
13 allocution?

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He has asked me to advise the  
15 Court. If the Court would like to hear--.

16 THE COURT: Does he have any allocution?

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He has asked me to allocute for  
18 him, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Does he not know the English language?  
20 Go ahead. What are you going to tell me on his behalf?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think the Court is well aware of  
22 who he is.

23 THE COURT: I understand all that. Tell me the  
24 allocution.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, he is 46 years old.

1 He's been married for 24 years. He has three children, two  
2 sons and a daughter. And he asks this Court to go along with  
3 what the two victims in this case have asked this Court to go  
4 along with. And that is the Rule 11(c)(1)(C), which the  
5 Court accepted this plea sometime last year. That's what he  
6 would like.

7 THE COURT: That's it?

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's it, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: That's it?

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's it.

11 THE COURT: Not even a hint of an apology. Let's  
12 take a brief recess. Let's take a brief recess.

13 THE COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.

14 (Brief recess)

15 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Goldstein. You may be  
16 seated. Go ahead.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, my client has asked me  
18 to read the following.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I hope the Court understands  
21 that we were prepared to go to trial too.

22 THE COURT: I understand that. Go ahead and read  
23 your statement.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He asked me to advise the Court--

25 THE COURT: Do you want to go to trial?

1                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, obviously neither side  
2 wants to go to trial.

3                   THE COURT: Okay. Then, fine. Go ahead and read  
4 your statement now.

5                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: This is on behalf of my client--

6                   THE COURT: Right.

7                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- Mr. Al Homoud.

8                   I want to tell the Court that I take full  
9 responsibility for my conduct. My conduct has brought shame  
10 upon myself, upon my lovely wife, upon my family, and upon my  
11 country.

12                  THE COURT: Is that it?

13                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's correct.

14                  DEFENDANT AL-HOMOUD: I'm sorry. I wasn't paying  
15 attention. This situation is very hard at least for me to be  
16 here.

17                  THE COURT: Now, when your lawyer said -- well,  
18 actually, let me talk to Mr. Goldstein because I don't want  
19 you to say anything that's going to end up indicting you  
20 again.

21                  Mr. Goldstein, when you say your client takes full  
22 responsibility for his conduct--

23                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir.

24                  THE COURT: -- does that incorporate the conduct  
25 that was contained in the statement or is he taking

1 responsibility for whatever he thinks he is responsible for?

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He takes full responsibility for  
3 the conduct that is contained in the information that he has  
4 pled guilty to, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: No, that wasn't my question. Let's try  
6 it this other way.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The statement, you mean, the  
8 victim--

9 THE COURT: The victims' statement. You know, the  
10 simple thing to say, Mr. Goldstein. It's real simple. You  
11 say yes. This is the way a defendant should apologize:

12 Your Honor, I stand before you. I've accepted my  
13 responsibility. I accept the responsibility for the conduct  
14 that I have led myself and my family here. And I pledge to  
15 you that it will never occur again. And I apologize to the  
16 victims. That is the way a defendant ought to apologize.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I understand what the Court is  
18 saying. And I believe my client does apologize to the Court  
19 and to the victims and to the government, period. However,  
20 I -- the idea that he has to acknowledge or admit everything  
21 that someone else says when there are -- in Exhibit 1 there  
22 are statements from witnesses, neighbors, who said these  
23 women walked around.

24 THE COURT: Let me ask you this: It's real simple.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

1                   THE COURT: You're not even under oath,  
2 Mr. Goldstein. But you're an officer of the court. Now let  
3 me ask you this: Does your client admit or deny that he took  
4 their phones away?

5                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: He took them in order -- they had  
6 no service. He maintained control of the passports. If I  
7 may be heard, Your Honor. But go ahead, please. You asked  
8 me a question, I'd like to be able to respond.

9                   THE COURT: Go ahead and answer. We have got until  
10 11:00 o'clock tomorrow.

11                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: I understand.

12                  THE COURT: Go ahead.

13                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: You asked me a question: Did he  
14 take their phone -- telephones away? He maintained them for  
15 them. There are records, and they're in this Exhibit 1 where  
16 they did make phone calls. We're not -- I don't want to  
17 quibble over each one of these points. But asking him to  
18 accept responsibility for everything is not fair, Your Honor.  
19 That is--.

20                  THE COURT: It's not fair.

21                  MR. GOLDSTEIN: There are things in those  
22 statements that are simply not true. These women walked  
23 around. They were not -- they were not locked in. When the  
24 police came to knock on their front door, they opened the  
25 door. The point is that that's not really relevant to what

1 they pled to, which is something that he takes full  
2 responsibility for. If you look at the statements from the  
3 women, each of them said, we expected to be paid when we  
4 returned. That was what they said. And if you remember in  
5 one of their statements, they didn't even read the agreement,  
6 the contract for employment.

7 The point is that he does take responsibility for  
8 his conduct. He does apologize. I've seen him weep in my  
9 office. This is not something where the Court needs to worry  
10 that this person -- he has been -- all three of his children  
11 are U.S. citizens.

12 THE COURT: You need not tell me what I need to  
13 worry about.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're right, Your Honor. I  
15 apologize.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And I'm certainly not trying to  
18 offend the Court just by trying to do my due diligence in  
19 representing my client, who I do believe is sorry, who I do  
20 believe is taking responsibility, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Good. Is that it?

22 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's it, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Any legal reason I cannot proceed?

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: None, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Then the Court will impose,

1 consistent with the 11(c)1(C) agreement, the Court will  
2 impose five years supervised release probation, a \$10,000  
3 fine, restitution in the amount of \$120,000, which I  
4 understand has now fully been paid to the District Clerk's  
5 office, a 100-dollar special assessment.

6 Your clients -- your client will be removed from  
7 the United States never to return again. The Court has  
8 signed, Mr. Goldstein, the agreement that you needed signed,  
9 and will be returned to you today so that it can be processed  
10 through the Clerk's Office so that hopefully there won't be  
11 any glitches.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We hope not, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Huh?

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We hope not, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You never know.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I hope I would be able to obtain  
17 the Court's assistance in making sure that this is carried  
18 out, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: What kind of assistance do you need?

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I hope when we get to the airport  
21 there won't be no need.

22 THE COURT: I think the government probably has  
23 greater access to the powers that be.

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We're all worried, Your Honor. And  
25 that's all I'm asking.

1 THE COURT: Okay. So this is our understanding.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

3 THE COURT: If there's a glitch, you notify the  
4 Court. We'll be back here. If your client needs to sit in  
5 jail until the glitch is resolved, that's what we're going to  
6 do. So make sure there is no glitch, Ms. Richardson, okay.  
7 Can you do that?

8 MS. RICHARDSON: To the best of my ability, Your  
9 Honor.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's what worries me, Your Honor,  
11 and I hope the Court can understand.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: Are you concerned about my  
13 ability?

14 (Laughter)

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No, no. I was concerned about your  
16 statement.

17 MS. RICHARDSON: I know. I know.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have full faith in  
19 Ms. Richardson.

20 THE COURT: Good enough. There's no levity in any  
21 of this. Okay. Let's go. Okay. I'll get to the next case  
22 now.

23 U.S. v -- okay, Mr. Convery, we're going to your  
24 case now. If you'll go to the podium, you and your client,  
25 please. And tell me, Mr. Convery, again, if you'd be kind

1 enough to tell me the correct pronunciation of your client's  
2 last name.

3 MR. CONVERY: Al-Hosani.

4 THE COURT: Hosani. Ms. Hosani.

5 MR. CONVERY: Hosani. Al-Hosani.

6 THE COURT: Al-Hosani. Okay. Ms. Al-Hosani, have  
7 you had an opportunity to review the presentence report in  
8 your case? This is a document that gives me details about  
9 the offense. Have you reviewed that document?

10 MR. CONVERY: We have, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Okay. And has your client reviewed the  
12 document with you?

13 MR. CONVERY: Yes, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Does your client have any  
15 questions about the document?

16 MR. CONVERY: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Any objections to the report,  
18 counselor?

19 MR. CONVERY: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay. The applicable guidelines as to  
21 your client is offense level four, category one, a range of  
22 punishment of zero to six months, one year supervised  
23 release, or three years supervised probation. There will be  
24 a -- was there a \$10,000 fine.

25 MR. CONVERY: That is what the Court was

1 considering.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Fine. Then it's a \$10,000 fine.  
3 Restitution in the amount of \$120,000, which has now fully  
4 been paid to the District Clerk's Office, and a special  
5 assessment of \$100. It's my understanding there's an 11(c)1C  
6 agreement. The government has previously read two  
7 statements. The same two statements would have been read  
8 into the record on this case regarding this particular  
9 defendant.

10 Any allocution from the government?

11 MS. RICHARDSON: Nothing further, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: And whatever remarks you made  
13 previously are the same remarks you would make here. Is that  
14 correct?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Convery, anything?

17 MR. CONVERY: Yes, Your Honor. My client does not  
18 speak English and asked me to convey to the Court how very,  
19 very sorry she is to be here. She is actually petrified,  
20 embarrassed at this situation. Apologizes to the domestic  
21 help, to the maids, to the victims, to the Court, and to her  
22 own children. And I assure the Court this will never, ever  
23 happen again.

24 THE COURT: And your client will never return to  
25 the United States. Is that correct?

1 MR. CONVERY: That's my understanding.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. CONVERY: You also have the same stipulated  
4 order.

5 THE COURT: I need that.

6 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: I have it right here.

7 THE COURT: Oh, I have it right here, Mr. Convery.  
8 I'll get it signed, and you do whatever you need to do.

9 MR. CONVERY: I have one other matter.

10 THE COURT: Hold on. Yes, go ahead, Mr. Convery.

11 MR. CONVERY: Your Honor, with respect to both  
12 cases, in terms of the 11(c)1C agreement for the unsupervised  
13 probation, I understand the Court is saying supervised.

14 THE COURT: Well.

15 MR. CONVERY: And I believe that's just in the  
16 sense, my only suggestion to the Court is for the order that  
17 it's unsupervised.

18 THE COURT: It will be revised accordingly.

19 MR. CONVERY: Unsupervised unless they for whatever  
20 reason were to return to the United States.

21 THE COURT: Right. I agree. I agree.

22 MR. CONVERY: Then they have to go to the probation  
23 office. Thank you, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Now they should know if they ever  
25 return to this country, which would be a violation of this

1 order, I'll put them in jail for a very, very, very long  
2 time. But we're not going to have that problem because  
3 they're going to go live a life of leisure in their country  
4 and leave the other 350-odd million Americans here by  
5 ourselves. Is this correct?

6 MR. CONVERY: Yes, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Anything else?

8 MR. CONVERY: No, sir.

9 THE COURT: Any legal reason I can't proceed?

10 MR. CONVERY: No, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: The Court having considered the  
12 guidelines finds them -- I think it's 350 million. I'm not  
13 sure. We may have grown a little. The Court will assess a  
14 punishment of -- consistent with the agreement and for the  
15 reasons stated by the government, punishment of three years  
16 probation, a \$10,000 fine, \$120,000 restitution, which has  
17 now been fully paid, and a 100-dollar special assessment.

18 Your client will leave the United States tomorrow.  
19 And these documents, stipulated requests for judicial  
20 removal, have been properly signed. I'll give them back to  
21 you. You'll take them to the Clerk's Office. Process them  
22 there. Do whatever is necessary. And you're to let me know,  
23 Mr. Convery, whether in fact, by tomorrow afternoon, as you  
24 call for Mr. Goldstein also, let me know if they have boarded  
25 the flight. If not, we'll be back here, and we'll see what

1 we do.

2 MR. CONVERY: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Great. And we have the deal  
4 about 45 days from now. Is that correct?

5 MS. RICHARDSON: That's correct, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Let me see the lawyers up here,  
7 and your clients may take a seat.

8 (off-the-record; at sidebar)

9 (Adjournment.)

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